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**GOVERNOR WARNER AWARDS \$1.4 MILLION IN GRANTS
TO ASSIST CRIME VICTIMS**

~Awards go to 41 community organizations~

RICHMOND - Governor Mark R. Warner announced more than \$1.4 million in grants to 41 organizations serving victims of child abuse and neglect and domestic violence victims. The grants, which are awarded by the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS), use funds from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). Funding comes from fines and penalties levied against criminals convicted of federal crimes, and the funds are earmarked to compensate and assist victims of crime.

"We want to do all that we can to help support victims of crime," Governor Warner said. "I am very pleased to have the opportunity to fund organizations that help the healing and recovery process by providing counseling and support services to children and adult victims of abuse."

VDSS Commissioner Maurice A. Jones said VOCA funds will provide counseling; emergency shelter for victims who cannot safely remain in their homes; support services; court-related services to assist child victims participating in criminal justice procedures; and reasonable costs for forensic medical exams.

Organizations awarded funding for 2004-05 include:

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| • 29 th Judicial District Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) | \$17,320 |
| • CASA for Children of Augusta Co., Staunton & Waynesboro | \$28,745 |
| • CASA of Central Virginia | \$45,213 |
| • CASA of Greater Prince William | \$25,000 |
| • Central Virginia Community Services, Child and Family Center | \$57,141 |
| • Chesterfield CASA | \$25,784 |
| • Children, Youth and Family Services, Inc. | \$39,000 |
| • Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol/Washington Co. | \$30,000 |
| • Children's Advocacy Programs of the Blue Ridge, Inc. | \$45,000 |

• Citizens Against Family Violence, Inc. Martinsville and Henry Co.	\$57,007
• Citizens Against Sexual Assault of Harrisonburg & Rockingham	\$7,293
• City of Bristol Virginia	\$29,000
• Colonial Court Appointed Special Advocate	\$32,862
• Commonwealth Catholic Charities	\$12,405
• Crisis Line of Central Virginia – Sexual Assault Response Team	\$15,200
• Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	\$29,793
• Family Resource Center, Inc.	\$48,595
• Family Services of Roanoke Valley	\$102,972
• Friends of the Norfolk Juvenile Court (CASA)	\$30,000
• Goochland County Department of Social Services	\$15,000
• Hanover Department of Community Resources	\$22,504
• Help and Emergency Response, Inc.	\$25,226
• Loudoun Abused Women’s Shelter (LAWS)	\$34,000
• Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board Youth & Family Services	\$70,300
• Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. (MEOC)	\$32,000
• New River Valley Child Advocacy, Resources, Education & Services (NRVCARES)	\$28,988
• Orange County Department of Social Services	\$18,000
• Piedmont CASA, Inc.	\$47,772
• Project Horizon, Inc.	\$13,995
• Quin River Agency for Community Action, Project Hope	\$15,350
• Rappahannock Area Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	\$13,488
• Response, Inc.	\$20,000
• Richmond Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	\$35,000
• Roanoke Valley CASA Foundation	\$48,811
• Sexual Assault Resource Agency	\$31,000
• The Center for Sexual Assault Survivors	\$27,053
• The Frederick Department of Social Services	\$19,105
• Transitions Family Violence Services	\$32,871
• Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.	\$38,248
• Warren County Council on Domestic Violence	\$18,745
• Women’s Resource of the New River Valley	\$84,310

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